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LITERACY RATE IN RAJSTHAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted by the Central Government under the Total Literacy Campaign to Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) whether the funds were fully utilized particularly in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the manner in which the amount sanctioned for Total Literacy Campaign is likely to be spent and the total literacy likely to be achieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) : Allocation of funds for Total Literacy Campaigns (TLSc)is not made state-wise. Funds released to Rajasthan for TLCs during the last three years ae as follows:-

YEAR	FUNDS RELEASED (Rs. In lakhs)
1997-98	105.76
1998-99	15.00
1999-2000	Nil

(b) : Out of funds released to Rajasthan for TLCs so far asum of Rs. 1230.40 lakhs remained unutilized as on 31.3.1999. The funds released to Barmer and Jaisalmer districts for TLCs and its utilization till February 2000, is as follows:-

	Barmer	Jaisalmer (Rs. In lakhs)
Funds released	565.18	91.13
Expenditure	252.46	89.39
	(50%)	(98%)

(c) : Funds for TLCs are sanctioned on the basis of the estimatednumber of non-literates proposed to be covered initially. However, during the course of implementation the number identified after survey and those enrolled are further reduced resulting in savings in expenditure. The implementing agencies have been advised to utilize these funds for Post Literacy Programme failing which thefunds are to be refunded to the Central Government.

(d) : The funds are spent on various approved activities such as-Survey, Environment Building. Training, Teaching/Learning Material, Monitoring & Evaluation etc. according to National Sample Survey Organisation's Survey of 1998, the literacy rates in Rajasthan have increased by 16.5% since 1991, which is the highest increase in the Hindi speaking States.